## MEDICAL SUPPORT AND MEDICAL TRAINING FOR WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE OPERATIONS

Protecting and maintaining the safety and health of all personnel working on White Sands Missile Range is my highest priority.

Within the Range, emergency medical support is available 24 hours per day from McAfee U.S. Army Health Clinic in the main post cantonment area and from the Stallion Range Center Fire Station. In all other areas of the Range, obtaining rapid response and treatment to a medical emergency from trained personnel can be a significant challenge. To meet this challenge, I have recently implemented a series of changes to our medical response and readiness procedures, and have arranged for aerial Medevac support in the event it is needed for emergency medical transportation.

Additionally, I am establishing the following policies governing performance of work accomplished at all on- and off-Range locations. These policies apply to all White Sands Missile Range employees, as well as to all tenant and customer personnel operating on the Range. All contractors operating on the Range must comply with all applicable Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements (to include those which implement CFR 1910.151, Subpart K, "Medical Services and First Aid Responsibilities").

Basic First-Aid and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training is mandatory for all members of any work force assigned to or present on the Range (including those off-Range sites under White Sands Missile Range management). All Range personnel currently assigned to White Sands will complete this training prior to the end of 1999. All newly assigned or hired personnel will receive this training within 30 days of their arrival. Annual refresher training is required for everyone. The conduct and documentation of this training is the responsibility of the employee's sponsoring organization.

First-Aid Kits approved by the Commander, McAfee U.S. Army Health Clinic, must be readily available at all industrial work sites, and every government vehicle must have one. These kits will be maintained per the instructions provided with each kit.

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